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SHE HAS ARRIVED!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Miss Natalie Rose Ridgley arrived on Feb. 4th at 6:47 a.m. at Baptist NE Hosp. in San Antonio, weighing 7 lbs 2 oz, & 19" long! Mom & dad, Mari & Tedsan, as well as siblings Edward, Elise and Jake, are really excited at her arrival , as are her grandparents, Dr. Ed & Martha Ridgley & Dr. Hector & Diana Farias!

LAREDO'S GEORGE WASHINGTON CELEBRATION

In February 1898, Indians & white men engaged in a "battle" for control of Laredo. In the end, the defenders fell & the mayor presented the key to the city to the Great Chief Sachem. The Great Chief in turn presented the key to Princes Pocahontas, who represented a "vanishing race." And so began an annual celebration, which was begun by a group of prominent Laredoans of Mexican & American ancestry. They also wanted a traditionally "American" holiday to celebrate, & , to make a long story short, they picked George Washington's birthday as being the appropriate one.

POCAHONTAS PAGEANT

Kathy Hagy Navarro, portrayed <u>Princes Flying Raven</u> in 1984. Her escort was Freddy Benavides

Daniella Salinas portrayed <u>Princess Little Fawn</u>, Cherokee Tribe, in 2011. Her escort was Abraham Martinez.

The Celebration now includes many different events, & is about a month long! There is a Jalapeno Festival, an "exchange" of <u>abrazos</u> (hugs) on the Int'l bridge by Mexican & American dignitaries & children, an Air Show, the Pocahontas Pageant, two parades, & the Martha Washington Colonial Ball. Some of Laredo's young ladies are "presented to society" at either the Pocahontas Pageant or the Colonial Ball, (as have some family members), & others have been involved in the festivities thru the years in one way or another, so here they are! (& if I left anyone off, please forgive!).

Laredo wanted to spread International goodwill between neighboring countries. When they chose Washington's birthday to celebrate that idea, they might not have known that he has a special tie to Laredo, although he never set foot there!

Diana Alicia Farias DeWall & Felipe Farias (1984)

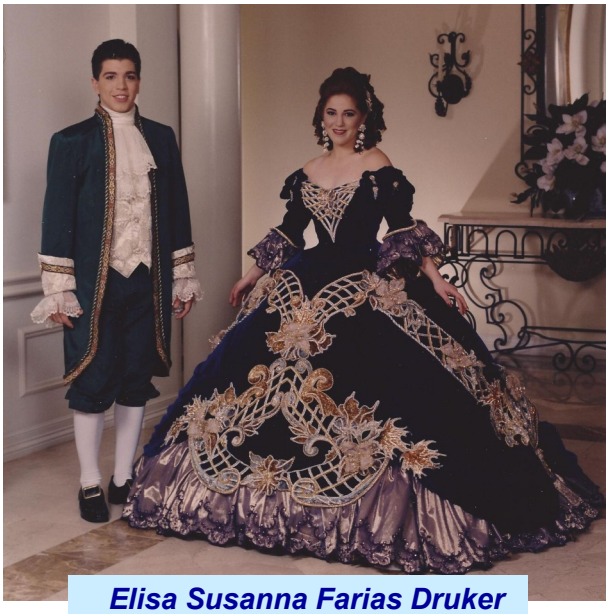
Adrienne Goodman Treviño portrayed Martha Washington; Colonial Ball—2007.

Per historian Robert H. Thonhoff & as reported by genealogist (& family member) George Farias, Washington is descended from Spanish Queen Eleanor of Castile (who wed Edward I of England). Eleanor was the daughter of King & Saint Ferdinand III of Spain. Per Mr. Thonhoff, this makes George Washington "The first Hispanic President of the United States." Further, Washington & his ancestor, the Queen, are distant cousins of Josefa de la Garza, the mother of Tomas Sanchez, founder of Laredo! How about that?!!

Maria Cristina Farias & brother, Gonzalo P. Farias (1987)

Marisela Carolina Farias Ridgley & Oscar Garcia (1992)

Rebecca Alejandra Farias Landis & Eduardo Flores (1994)



Elisa Susanna Farias Druker & Eduardo Elizondo (1996)

Robert Landis, Announcer, Colonial Pageant & Ball, 2011

M. Cristina Farias, 2nd Vice Pres, 2010

Memo Trevino, WBCA President, 2009

While being presented into society, the debutantes & their escorts, in Colonial attire, portray contemporaries of Martha & George who have come to a Ball honoring the President & his First Lady. Debutantes are usually daughters of members of the Society of Martha Washington.

Juliana Lorraine Diez Barroso & Sebastian Rosas (2012)

Joelle Nicole Marlowe & Kyle Powell (2012)

Francine Muller Woodul, daughter of Bobby & Ana Farias Muller, also made her debut into society at a Colonial Ball.

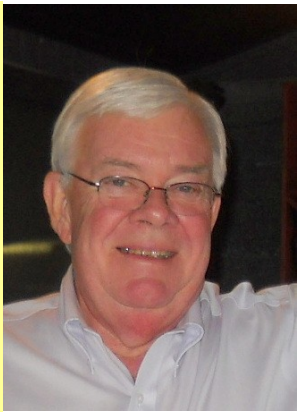
Isabella Farias (daughter of Gonzalo & Susy) & her Mary Help of Christians School float, participated in one of the parades. The float honored some of Laredo's veterans, including her grandfather, Hugo L. Flores (dec)!

(Good job, Bella!

IN OUR MIDST:

Recently discovered that my boss (for the last 10 years), Attorney Lawrence B. Shallcross, Bulverde, is a descendant of BOTH George & Martha Washington!

Lw/editor

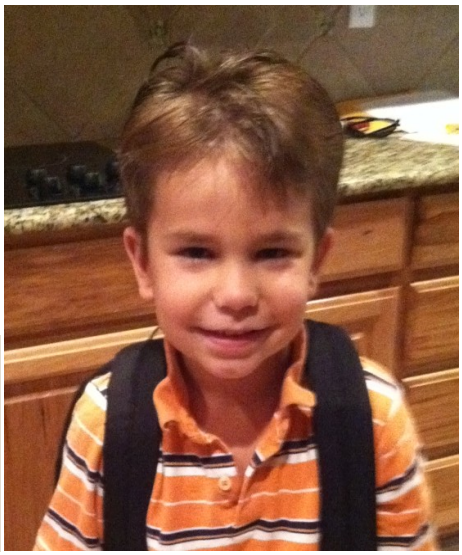


ATTABOYS & GIRL!

Drew McElvany, representing St. Mary's Hall, SA, placed First in Humorous Interpretation at a recent Invitational Tournament! Now it's off to State & Nat'l competition! Best of luck, Drew!

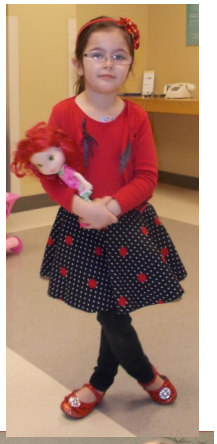
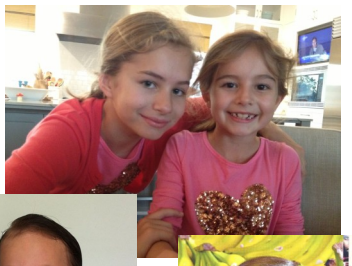
Sweet Nicole Reed earned a Star Student Award at her school in Tampa, Florida, & big brother Owen, here w/dad Perry (Bud), shows off a nice trophy. His soccer team, the Titans, had an undefeated season! Nice going, guys!

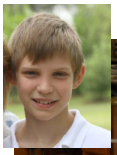
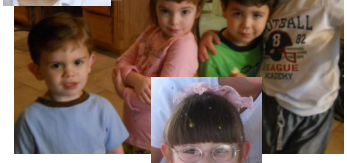
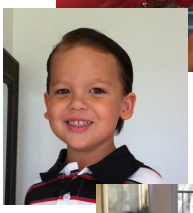
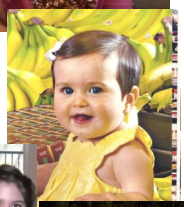
Well, he did it again! Edward (E.T.) Ridgley was chosen as Comal ISD Superintendent's Student of the Month for the second time! E.T., what is your secret?

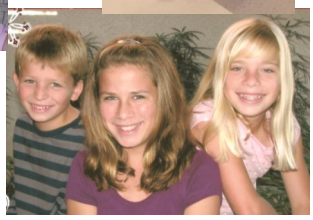
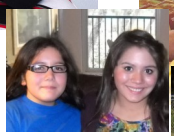
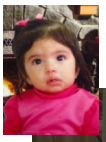
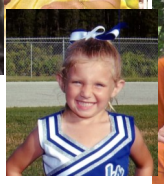


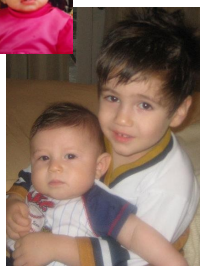
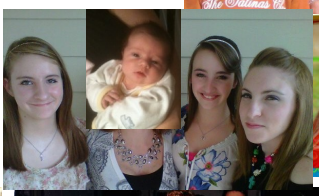
Joshua Langford took a turn preaching at Christian Family Church in Porter, Texas, where Pieter & Tessa Van Dyk (his in-laws) are Pastors. Joshua is a Security Expert w/SYSCO Corp. where he "preaches" security, though not necessarily behind a podium!

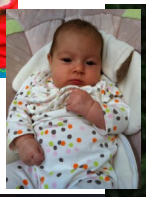
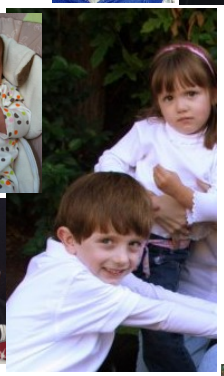
THE UNDER 20'S

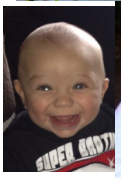



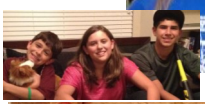





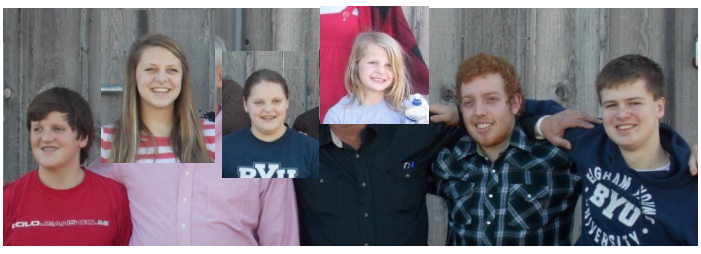





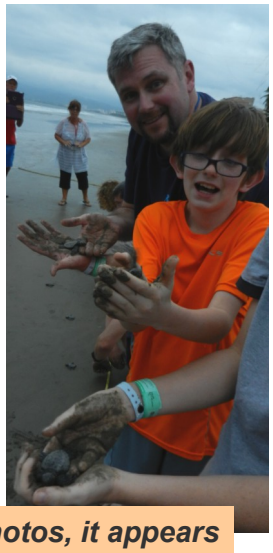









Orli Navarro (right) dropped by a new McDonald's opening w/some friends.



From the look of these photos, it appears the Kalmbach family had a great time on a recent trip to Puerto Vallarta!

Uri Druker (right), VicePres of the Ldo Webb Co. Bar Assn., & friend Edward Nolen, Pres, (sitting) visited w/J. Santos w/ regard to a Scholarship Fund to benefit local students.

Honored at a recent dinner were Diana Farias (2nd from left) along w/other new Lifetime Members of Laredo's Kidney Foundation. ***Congrats!***

Meme & Norma Salinas had a nice visit w/daughter Ronnie & grandson Drew McElvany.

Pretty Lisa Gonzalez (left) chats w/Nadia Weathers at a recent function.

SSS Charter Members

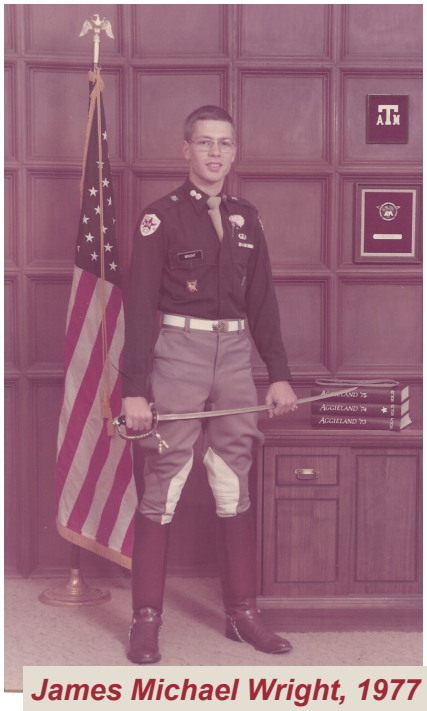
Lily S. Wright (Editor)
Norma S. Hagy
Diana S. Farias
Alice S. Reed
Meme Salinas (Asst. Ed)

Good-looking couple, Jessica & Ramon Diez Barroso, always look so happy!

HERE AND THERE!

Sandy & Bob Hinz (dec)
Sandy is Beth Reed's mom & lives in Florida. ***Hi there, Sandy!***

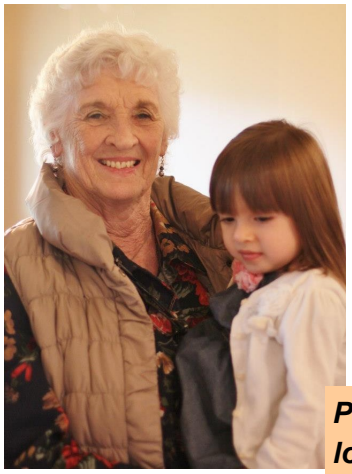
Proud mom, Vicki Barnes w/her kids, Rudy & Anali Guajardo!



James Michael Wright, 1977 Texas A&M

Here's wishing a speedy recovery to everyone who has been ill!

Surgery



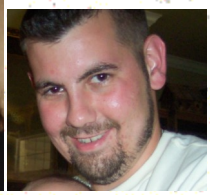
Pretty Carole Burt couldn't look happier, holding great granddaughter, sweet little Giuliana Galli!

Meet the Artists at Wine 101, Bulverde

Debbie Wright Swisher greeted friends who went to see her art work!

We fondly remember twin brothers Carlos Luis & Luis Felipe Farias, who passed away February 9 & February 12, 2008, at the young age of 68!

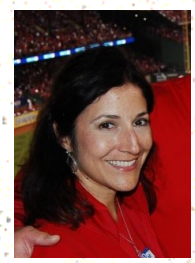
MARCH BIRTHDAYS

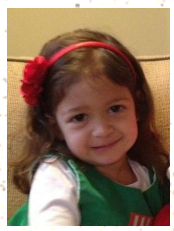


01—Lisa Reddam,
Jesse Reddam

02—Haley Coffin

08—Jay Landis

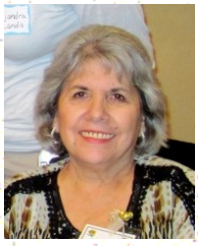




09—Terry Woodruff

11—Lily Shah

13—Ed Ridgley,
Veronica McElvany



14—Victoria Ramirez

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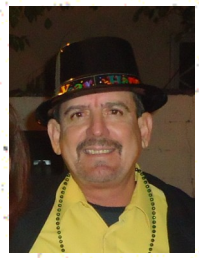
Philip "Punk" Landis

23—Danny Salinas

24—Megan Coffin

25—Perry Reed



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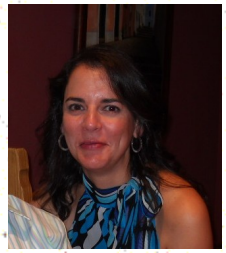
31—Susy F. Farias,
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Giuliana Galli